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## Dutch cancel flights, close dykes as storm looms



The Oosterschelde storm gates are being closed for the first time in six years

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch national carrier KLM said it has scrapped 84 flights to and from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport scheduled for Thursday after forecasters sounded a "code orange" extreme weather warning for the next 24 hours.

The Netherlands is prepar-

ing for heavy storms with surging tides and winds predicted to gust up to 130 km/h (81 miles per hour) in places in the north.

In the south, the landmark Eastern Scheldt storm surge barrier has been closed off for the first time in six years, public broadcaster NOS re-

ported.

"As a result of the extreme weather expected, we have cancelled 84 flights to and from Amsterdam," KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) spokesman Joost Ruempol told AFP.

"These are flights going to and coming in from across the continent," he added.

Inter-continental flights will go ahead as scheduled, but travellers flying KLM to European destinations are advised to check for regular updates on the airline's website, Ruempol said.

Schiphol is Europe's fourth-busiest airport with between 120,000 to 140,000 passengers passing through daily.

The storm will approach the Netherlands from the west and was a result of a low-pressure system over Norway, bringing extreme weather to the Dutch coast by Thursday afternoon, the weather website weer.nl said.

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## Obama bemoans inequality in political comeback bid



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Barack Obama on Wednesday returned to the core economic philosophy of middle class opportunity on which he has centered his presidency, as he strives to exit a second term slump.

The US leader struck economic themes familiar from his two presidential campaigns as he sought to steady his administration after self-inflicted wounds over his health care law which have seen his popularity slide.

Speaking in Washington at the Center for American Progress think tank, Obama bemoaned "a dangerous and growing inequality and lack of upward mobility" in US life that has harmed what he has often described as the nation's basic bargain -- anyone who works hard has a chance to get ahead.

"I believe this is the defining challenge of our time: making sure our economy works for every working American," Obama said.

"That's why I ran for president. It was the center of last year's campaign. It drives everything I do in this office."

Obama struck similar notes during his 2008 campaign and they proved potent to an even greater extent in his reelection race against Republican Mitt Romney last year.

Obama is delivering a series of speeches and holding political events as part of a bounce back strategy after a miserable two months since the botched launch of a website for his signature health care law.

He is seeking to rally his personal political base and to appease Democratic lawmakers who are concerned his ebbing fortunes could damage their prospects in mid-term elections next November.

## Kerry arrives in Israel for talks on Iran, peace process

TEL AVIV (AFP) - US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Tel Aviv on Wednesday for the first time since world powers struck a nuclear deal with Iran that angered Israel, and amid renewed efforts to broker an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

The two issues are expected to dominate meetings which Kerry is to hold Thursday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas, according to American diplomats travelling with the secretary of state.

## Happy times are here as Aruba puts on its holiday dress



Major traffic intersections are becoming focal points for seasonal celebrations as the Aruba prepares for end of the year celebrations. The various rotundas around the islands may be covered with white pebbles to simulate snow, but the holiday cheer is just as much in force. This is part of the government's BoBario Project. Pictured rotunda with its fantastical decorations and lighting was a cooperative effort by the government with sponsorship from De Palm Tours Aruba who "adopted" the project.



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## Lecture held on drugs and alcohol problem among the youth on Aruba



On the first of December Minister Dowers attended a lecture by FADA (Anti Drug Foundation Aruba) in the auditorium of the University of Aruba.

Mr. Diaz, the person in charge of facilitating the lecture, reported on a research project he conducted among students on Aruba attending secondary schools. Some 8296 students were interviewed.

The goal of the research was to ascertain the problem of drugs and alcohol among our youth.

The study was conducted during 2011 and 2012. The results are described in three reports with the title – Scol (Schools) - Fundacion (Foundation) – Choller (drug addict). This past week schools were the main focus.

The ages of the students varied between 12 to 19 years. At EPI the students were the oldest. The total number of students who participated was 75.8% Aruban born and 90.2% of Dutch nationality.

Remarkable is that the re-

search shows that 90% of the school population has experienced drugs and some have experienced alcohol from the early age of 4 yrs. The use of alcohol is greater than the use of drugs. Alcohol use is more than that of drugs especially at family parties. Drugs are used mostly in stressful situations.

Many children turn to alcohol due to family situations such as unemployment, domestic violence, constant fighting and parents who themselves consume drugs and alcohol.

One factor which can help young people is the way of spiritual guidance, love for the child and a good relationship with the child on the part of parents. 8.57% of these young people have very little spiritual activity according to Diaz, "all children must have social contacts, but this social contact is exactly what brings the risks with it according to the research. From the about 8 thousand students interviewed about two to three thousand run the risk of becoming alcoholics or drug

addicts.

Prevention of drugs and alcoholism is under the watch of Minister Dowers' Min-

istry. In the next four years he intends to do his utmost to curb this negative development cited in the research re-

ports. Dowers is convinced that the support of parents is crucial in any effort attempted.

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# Pointers to Ponder

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## Tips that can improve your day almost immediately

Everyday we spend a great deal of time doing a bunch of stuff that really doesn't make our day any better than the day before. As a matter of fact today may be worse than yesterday because of some of the stuff we refuse to give up doing.

Let me give you a short list of some things you might want to try doing today that could change how you feel and do today. Well, chances are, by the time you see and read this article you have already left your place of abode and can no longer do some of the things I'm about to suggest. But you can note them

and do them tomorrow before you leave your house or as soon as you get to work.

Take just five minutes out of your busy schedule and try at least one of these suggestions. It will lower your stress and boost your mood and give you more energy today. It might give you just the extra oomph you need to meet some challenge you must face today!

1. Before you leave home...make up your bed!

Leaving a well-made bed is a good feeling that does something magical to your day! When you return later in the day and walk into your

bedroom, the thought that the bed was your art work before leaving brings another feeling of magic to your mind and magically relaxes you too before you crawl into it later on.

2. Before you leave home...make and take a snack with you! Prepare a quick healthy snack to take to work with you. It doesn't have to be sophisticated, a simple fruit snack (watermelon pieces, apple slices, melon slices, strawberries, etc), unsalted nuts, low fat cheese or yoghurt, low fat banana pudding, etc.). When you get hungry later in the morning (10:30AM) you can munch on something good and healthy! This will not only give you a health boost but also save you money from having to buy some junk food to satisfy your cravings.

3. Before you start your work day...de-clutter your work area (desk)! Nothing like clutter can make you lose your focus and curtail your productivity. If you get rid of the clutter you don't need (productive people never really need clutter) it will amaze you how focused you will become and how much more you will get accomplished today...and, without the accompanying stress of a cluttered work space!

4. Do some simple stretches during the day at strategic intervals. Just raise your arms above your head several times every hour and get a good stretch.

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## Dutch cancel flights, close dykes as storm looms

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Coupled with a spring tide, high winds could result in a heavy storm surge and in many places, the Dutch have been taking measures including raising dykes and moving vehicles away from piers and quays.

The Eastern Scheldt storm surge barrier, part of fortifications to protect the low-lying Netherlands from the North Sea, has been closed off for the first time since 2007, the NOS said.

The flood barrier is part of the so-called Delta Works which were built after disastrous floods in 1953 which left almost 2,000 people dead.

Back then, sea defences

were overwhelmed and dykes broke as a result of heavy storms, putting large swathes of the southern Dutch province of Zeeland under water.

The Netherlands was last hit by very strong winds at the end of October, when two people were killed and hundreds of trees were uprooted. Weather experts said two severe storms in a short space of time are rare.

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## Noted island vocalist Edjean Semeleer brings a touch of nostalgia to the new "O" eatery

ORANJESTAD -- Since he was ten-year-old, regionally-renowned vocalist Edjean Semeleer has been performing professionally on Aruba. He evolved from an adorable youngster with a charismatic stage presence to a formidable balladeer, with a smooth baritone that makes the ladies swoon.

Presently, the young local celebrity is realizing a dream he has harbored for some time, opening an elegant restaurant/lounge where all are welcome to enjoy the ambiance, sans cover charge or entrance fee.

The stunning space on the second level of the Paseo Herencia Mall, at the top of the escalators, may finally have a venue worthy of its distinctive attributes. "O" restaurant officially opened their doors last night, offering



Edjean Semeleer

nightly until 1:00 A.M., and on the weekends, until 3:00 A.M.

At some point most evenings, it is highly likely the owner may pick up the microphone and burst into song, which, believe us, the diners will wholly appreciate. Edjean agrees that he "may have been born in the wrong era." Since an early age he has been a fanatical Frank Sinatra fan, and his tribute

tional TV every Sunday evening.

Edjean thinks that "O" will be a particularly unique experience for anniversary and birthday celebrations, where clients can anticipate a personal serenade of a favorite ballad to mark the occasion. They already have some holiday party bookings, as the venue is ideal for private parties with entertainment and dancing.

Whatever the occasion, a dinner at "O" is bound to be a very unique and personal experience. Edjean is a charming young man, and is thrilled to be hosting the dining and entertainment venue he has always envisioned for Aruba.

By Rosalie Klein



a diverse international menu combined with native dishes, for those who wish to sample a true taste of Aruba. Despite the elaborate venue, the owners insist on keeping the menu affordable and attractive to both visitors and residents. "We want this to be a place where vacationers and Arubans can mix and mingle. We chose the name because we plan to see a very pleased "O" escape the lips of our patrons when they taste their food, and again, when they get the check," explains Edjean.

The ambiance is elegant, but an evening at "O" is bound to be spontaneous and full of surprises. Great bands are on the agenda every Friday and Saturday night when the lounge stays open long past the kitchen, for dancing and entertainment. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 10:00 PM, but the bar stays open

concerts to "Old Blue Eyes," are always packed. His wonderfully pleasing voice was meant to sing the popular ballads of times gone by, and he readily admits "I would love to have lived and performed with the big bands of the Swing Era. No Hip-Hop or Rap for me; give me a moving, melodic ballad every time." The young man has ten very successful CD's under his belt, and islanders eagerly await his annual Christmas issue.

Tuesday evenings the restaurant have regularly scheduled shows highlighting regional culture, and plan to extend the program to holidays. Weekends there will always be a live band.

Patrons on Thursday evenings should dress their best, as "O" and the entertainment they provide will be filmed to be a featured segment on local and interna-

## Pointer to Ponder...

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This is especially helpful if you work long hours at a desk. Stretch out your legs under your desk for the very same effect. This exercise will improve circulation and flexibility and loosen tight muscles. Get up and take a two minutes stroll from your work area. The benefits will be phenomenal.

6. Make a mental (or written) gratitude list...being thankful is phenomenally therapeutic. It is simply impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time, the one automatically cancels out the other. What are you thankful for today? Name it! Once you start naming your blessings, you'll be amazed at how many blessings you have! They will propel you into positive productivity!

7. Make a priority list for today! Admit that you can't do everything all at once today. Hence, set priorities, what should be done first, second, and third. Determine

what is most important and begin there. Just because our world is on 24/7 you don't have to be...take things one at a time and enjoy your work day!

8. Turn off your gadgets long enough to see the people around you and to interact with others in vivo (live). Take a meaningful break from your cell, iPhone, iPad or whatever other electronic gadget pinning you down. How sad to see how people today are glued to their electronics...stop it! Log off of everything and get involved with the world around you! People do make a difference in our lives for good!

9. Learn to pray meaningfully, spiritual meditation is very significant and will make all the difference in your productivity and level of satisfaction!

If this was helpful, please let me know at [tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com](mailto:tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com)

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## Kozlov Dance Academy's production of "The Nutcracker" to be performed at Cas di Cultura



**Adriana and Leonid take the dancers through the action**  
ORANJESTAD -- This past summer, Aruba was pleased to welcome world-famous ballet star Leonid Kozlov to the community as a permanent resident, with his ballerina wife, Adriana. A regular

dancers through the action in this year's production of the holiday classic on Tuesday.

December 17th @ 7:00pm at Cas di Cultura. THE MORNING NEWS captured them in rehearsals at their

zlov has been delighting audiences in the United States and Aruba since 1993 with his dazzling choreography set to Tchaikovsky's unforgettable score. He will dance the leading roles of Herr Drosselmeyer and the Cavalier along with his wife, Adriana, as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

"The Nutcracker" makes the perfect introduction to classical ballet for all the family and is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays.

Tickets are 35 Afls / \$20 usd, and can be purchased at



**Kozlov coaching the class**

Cas di Cultura, Van Dorp Bookstore and Kozlov Dance Academy, located at Vondel-

laan 19-D. For additional information, call 564-2670 or visit [www.kozlovdance.com](http://www.kozlovdance.com).



The Nutcracker, Party Scene, Kozlov Dance Int'l.

visitor to the island for two decades, the former star of the Bolshoi and New York City Ballet had already begun interacting with the local community by staging an annual holiday production his "The Nutcracker," over the last few years.

This year, the dancer established the Kozlov Dance Academy on Aruba, and over 60 island children and some parents will be participating

studio this past weekend.

Kozlov Dance Academy's production of "The Nutcracker" was first staged for the Australian

Ballet at the Sydney Opera House in 1981. The lush sets and costumes, produced by artisans of the Bolshoi Theatre Workshop, are enchanting, as is this ballet, which is enjoyed by all ages.

As Director of Kozlov Dance Academy, Leonid Ko-

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## Canada to claim North Pole

OTTAWA (AFP) - Canada's prime minister has ordered the inclusion of the North Pole in the country's Arctic claim after it was excluded from a proposed UN submission, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Canada will still meet a December 6 deadline for filing an application to the United Nations to extend its northern sea boundary, according to the daily Globe and Mail.

But it now also plans to follow up with a broader claim that includes the geographic North Pole once additional surveying, analysis and paperwork is completed, it said.

The prime minister's office declined to comment on the report, telling AFP only that "Canada is in the process of securing its sovereignty

over the north."

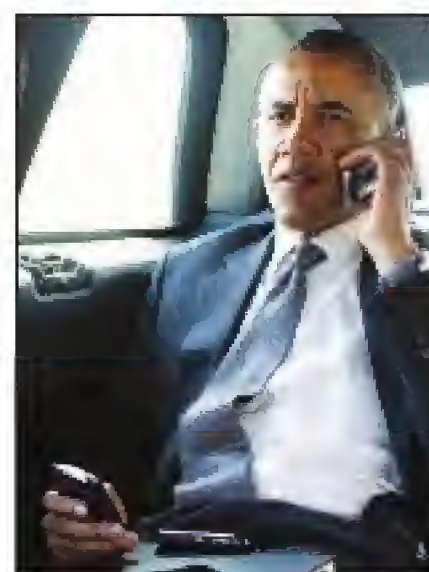
Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States claim overlapping parts of the region believed to be rich in hydrocarbons, and have been rushing to gather evidence in support of their respective claims.

Rising temperatures have boosted interest in the polar region, as melting ice opens up shipping routes and makes hitherto inaccessible mineral resources easier to exploit.

According to the US Geological Survey, the Arctic seabed is thought to hold about 90 billion barrels of oil and 30 percent of the world's undiscovered gas resources.

The North Pole seabed itself is not believed to hold large reserves but has symbolic value for the countries in the region.

## Obama: 'I'm not allowed an iPhone'



Blackberry is renowned for its strong security encryption -- one reason why it is still popular in official Washington, even as the device loses market share to other smart phones including those manufactured by Apple.

The security measures on Obama's specially adapted Blackberry came under new scrutiny this year following claims that US spies had eavesdropped on the mobile phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Within days of being inaugurated president, Obama won his battle with the Secret Service to hang on to his Blackberry, despite fears that it was vulnerable to being hacked, would give away his whereabouts and amid worries that anything he writes could eventually be grist for congressional investigations.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama admitted Wednesday he was not allowed to have an iPhone owing to security fears -- explaining why he is sometimes seen with a bulky super secure Blackberry.

"I'm not allowed for security reasons to have an iPhone," Obama told a group of young people at the White House for an event promoting his health care law.

a partial freeze in military aid which has halted delivery of large weapons systems but does not bar other arms, was part of the problem.

"When funding... continues to go to the weapons that attack and create human rights violations, like tear gas and bullets, but you hold the F-16s, the message that's going to these governments and going to human rights defenders is that human rights is not important," said Wahab, an expert with the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies.

Wahab also challenged the US administration's policy of not cutting off all military aid to Egypt -- a decision based on the need to ensure the army can fight militants in the Sinai peninsula and help maintain regional stability -- after the ouster of Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first elected president, in July.

"One of the things that the United States really needs to do is look at its counter-terrorism narrative, look at how security is thought of within a domestic policy and an international policy and see whether security and stability is human rights? Or whether security and stability is guns and more weapons?" said Wahab.

UN special rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, Maina Kiai, agreed saying the United States needed to treat all governments the same way.

"It's very difficult to understand why the US government treats Ethiopia when it attacks human rights defenders differently from how the US treats Zimbabwe. Or how the US treats Egypt as opposed to Bahrain," he said.



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## US urged to tighten message on human rights abuses

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Human rights activists Wednesday urged the US government to be more consistent in its approach toward repressive regimes, warning that muddled responses sent the wrong message to democracy campaigners.

America's over-arching focus on security concerns and the fight against terrorism is obscuring the need to hold governments accountable for rights abuses, activists said at the start of a two-day seminar organized by the Washington-based group Human Rights First.

One delegate, Nadine Wahab, said US policy after the coup in Egypt, including



## Spain arrests man with vast child porn haul



MADRID (AFP) - Police in Spain arrested a man with one of the biggest collections of child pornography ever seized there, with more than 800,000 images of violent abuse including bestiality, authorities said Wednesday.

"It is one of the biggest known seizures in Spain and surrounding countries of paedophilic material in the possession of one person who shared it," a spokesman for the Civil Guard told AFP.

The man "had a collection of 846,000 picture and video files in which appeared minors, many of them younger than 13, being victims of physical and sexual violence, including acts related to bestiality and sado-masochism", a police statement said.

The suspect has been charged with possessing and distributing child pornography on the Internet, it added.

"He also had a manual of 170 pages, written in English, with advice on searching for minors and techniques for abusing them without being detected," police said.

Officers raided the man's homes in Madrid and the northern city of Valladolid, after a tip-off from the US Department of Homeland Security which had detected a user in Spain exchanging child porn by email, the statement added.

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## Truck with dangerous radioactive material stolen in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican authorities scrambled Wednesday to find a truck containing "extremely dangerous" radioactive material used in medical treatment that was stolen by two gunmen two days ago, officials said.

The white Volkswagen Worker truck was transporting a teletherapy device containing cobalt-60 when it was stolen Monday in the central Hidalgo state town of Tepojaco, near Mexico City, according to the

International Atomic Energy Agency.

Mexico's National Commission for Nuclear Safety and Safeguards (CNSNS) told AFP the medical equipment contained 60 grams of cobalt-60, a quantity which experts say could be enough to build a "dirty bomb" if it fell in the wrong hands.

The driver told investigators that the gunmen approached him at a service station, tied him up and drove away with

the truck, according to a text of the testimony shown by the Hidalgo state prosecutor's office.

The manager of the Pemex service station, an hour's drive north of Mexico City, told AFP the driver appeared to have parked across the street to rest overnight.

The radioactive material came from a hospital in the northwestern city of Tijuana and had been on its way to a storage center in the central

state of Mexico.

The commission, which reported the theft to the IAEA, said the material posed no risk provided it was not broken or tampered with.

A search was launched in six states and in Mexico City for the truck, which has an integrated crane, the CNSNS said.

Mexico's drug cartels have diversified their illegal activities in recent years, stealing oil and minerals, but officials have not said who the cobalt-

60 thieves might be.

Experts have long warned about the risks posed by the large amounts of radioactive material held in hospitals, university campuses and factories, often with little or no security measures to prevent them being stolen.

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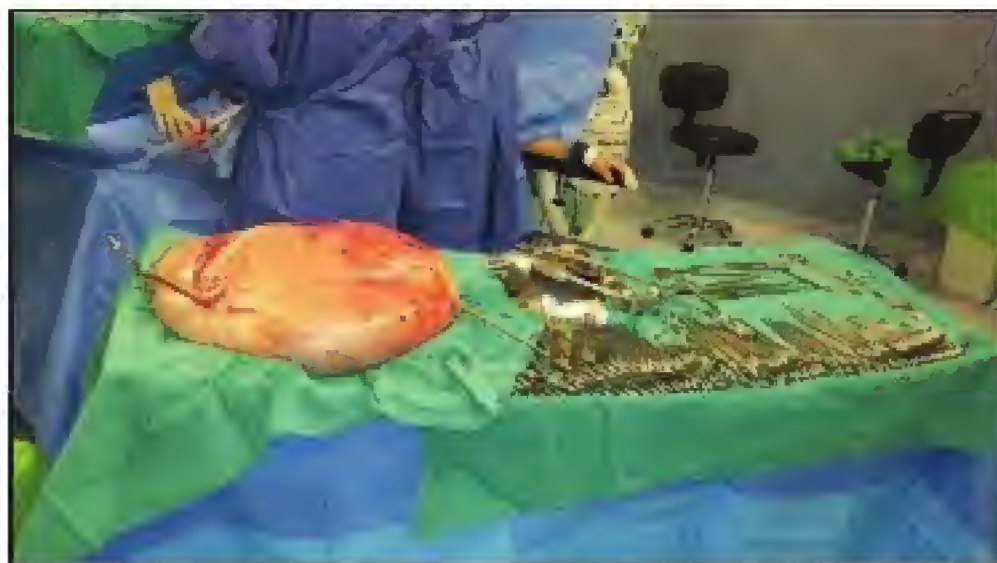
## Spain surgeons cut giant 25kg tumour from woman's womb

MADRID (AFP) - Surgeons in Spain successfully removed a giant benign tumour weighing 25 kilograms (55 pounds) from the womb of a 47-year-old woman, the hospital treating her said on Wednesday.

The head of obstetrics and gynaecology at Torrevieja Hospital in eastern Spain, Eduardo Cazorla, "said that in his 20-year career he had never treated such a case", the hospital said in a statement.

It said that scientific publications recorded only about five cases of such giant tumours -- defined as bigger than 11.3 kilograms -- in the world.

The woman was referred to the hospital by her family doctor after complaining of discomfort and weight gain in her



torso.

Doctors detected a "giant cystic tumour", 41 centimetres (16 inches) long, and removed the woman's womb and both ovaries in a two-hour operation, extracting the entire growth in the process.

"This type of operation is

highly complex, given the distinctive size of the tumour," the hospital said.

"After five days in hospital and about three weeks' rest the patient completely recovered," it added. It did not say exactly when the operation took place.

## Turkey police probe 'kidney for sale' ads

STANBUL (AFP) - Turkish police have launched an investigation into online adverts posted by people allegedly so desperate for money they are offering to sell their kidneys, local media reported.

The adverts were apparently linked to an organ trafficking ring which had been carrying out illegal kidney removals and transplants in Turkey as well as Egypt, India, Iran and Iraq and was busted by police in October.

Sellers were asking as much as 150,000 Turkish lira (\$73,000, 54,000 euros) for a kidney, often boasting about their good state of health.

"I want to sell my kidney urgently because I am in debt," said one Internet advert published by the Haberturk news-

paper in which the seller declared: "I have never tasted alcohol in my life."

"I am selling my liver, kidney and bone marrow," said another. "I work out and walk every day."

According to health ministry figures, about 20,000 patients in Turkey were awaiting kidney transplants last year, while about 2,000 were waiting for livers.

Turkey is a major transit route for organ trafficking, with operations against illegal rings being carried out almost on a monthly basis, according to media reports.

In 2005, Turkey amended its penal code to explicitly define organ trafficking as a crime, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

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## 'Men and women's brains are wired differently'



A new study looking at the neural wiring of the male and female brain has concluded that there may be some truth to commonly held beliefs about what makes men and women tick. The study, one of the largest ever conducted scrutinizing the "connectomes" that link different parts of the brain, was carried out by the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine. The study found a greater degree of neural connectivity from front to back within one hemisphere in males, suggesting brains were wired to facilitate connectivity between perception and co-ordinated action. Women's brains meanwhile were wired between left and right hemispheres, indicating they facilitated communication between the analytical and intuition, the study found. The study reported that on average men are more likely better at learning and performing a single task, such as navigating. Women meanwhile were likelier to have a superior memory and social cognition skills -- making them better equipped for multi-tasking and creating solutions which could work for a group.





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## Tired of excuses, Danish city wakes students at home

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Social workers in a wealthy Copenhagen neighbourhood have begun making house calls to wake up students with high rates of absenteeism, sparking accusations that Denmark's welfare state has become too intrusive.

"There have been conflicts, but the people we've sent out are trained to handle situations like that. Of course there's been resistance," said Barbro

Lundqvist, a social worker in the upscale Oesterbro district.

After a one-year trial, 33 percent of the targeted children, who were between seven and 15 years old, had begun attending school regularly.

Around 80 percent of them had already been in contact with social services for other reasons.

"Obviously there is a problem in the family when you have a high level of truancy, so

these aren't ordinary Oesterbro families we're talking about," Lundqvist said.

For some children, a phone call was enough to get them out of bed, but in most cases the social workers had to come into their homes and make sure they got up.

Lundqvist said the daily visits were "a form of tutoring" for the parents, and that the aim was to gradually let them take over the job of waking up their children.

Not everyone was impressed with the project, which has now been made permanent and is set to be implemented in other parts of Copenhagen.

"If Denmark is a welfare state, Oesterbro is a microcosm of extreme welfare," columnist Tom Jensen wrote in daily Berlingske.

"There is nothing left to fight for... and if we can't get up in the morning, someone from the municipality will come and wake up the little ones," he wrote.

## Katherine Jackson seeks retrial over pop icon's death



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's mother Katherine is seeking a retrial against tour promoters AEG Live, who were found not liable over the pop icon's 2009 death, court documents show. The 83-year-old claims the verdict reached in October after a five-month trial in Los Angeles is invalid because of alleged jury misconduct, new evidence and "an error in law," according to a legal filing. The Jackson matriarch sued AEG Live in 2010 claiming they negligently hired and supervised Conrad Murray, the doctor subsequently convicted of involuntary manslaughter over the "Thriller" singer's death on June 25, 2009. Jackson died from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol, given by Murray at the star's rented mansion in Los Angeles, where he was rehearsing for the shows at London's O2 Arena. In the civil trial which began in April the singer's mother -- who gave testimony, alleged that AEG Live missed a series of red flags about the star's failing health in the run-up to his death. The Jacksons wanted AEG Live to pay \$85 million to each of the star's three children for emotional loss, and an unspecified amount for economic losses, estimated at up to \$1.6 billion.

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## Google steps up its battle for Internet 'cloud'

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Google is stepping up its efforts to move into the Internet "cloud," taking on rivals like Amazon and Microsoft in competition for business customers.

The California tech giant said that its cloud platform's key compute engine was now "generally available" after a test period, and that it has lowered prices by 10 percent and dropped storage prices by at least 60 percent.

Cloud computing is one of the fastest-growing services in the tech sector, enabling companies to store data and pro-

vide services from a cloud provider without having to install their own servers and maintain them.

Google cloud customers include Snapchat, the fast-growing social network which handles hundreds of millions of messages each day, and Rovio, creator of the "Angry Birds" online game.

Romin Irani, who blogs at the website Programmable Web, said Google "is positioning itself as a major player to help mobile developers get off the block fast."

He added that Google has

worked out ways to "provide infrastructure and security management automatically," simplifying the task of creating mobile applications.

"Will Google be able to make inroads into Amazon's domination of the IaaS (infrastructure as a service) landscape? Developers will tell," Irani said.

Amazon, a big player in cloud computing which recently won a CIA contract, saw its stock price fall 2.0 percent to \$384.38 after the Google announcement. Rackspace, another big cloud player, was down 5.5 percent at \$35.43.

## Facebook delivers more news in News Feed

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Facebook is boosting its efforts to put more news in its News Feed.

That is, real news from the news media, rather than status updates from friends.

The world's biggest social network, cognizant of its growing importance for discovering news, said in a blog post on Monday that it is revising the way it delivers information to its billion-plus users.

The blog noted that "our surveys show that on average people prefer links to high quality articles about current events, their favorite sports team or shared interests, to the latest meme."

And Facebook will tweak the way it displays articles in user News Feeds: "This means that high quality articles you or others read may show up a bit more prominently in your News Feed, and meme photos may show up a bit less prominently," the engineers wrote.

They added that Facebook

will also "show people additional articles similar to ones they had just read."

"Soon, after you click on a link to an article, you may see up to three related articles directly below the News Feed post to help you discover more content you may find interesting," they said.

But to avoid diminishing the updates from friends, Facebook will revise its "bumping," which means that after a user reads an article it may not show up again in the News Feed unless there are new comments from friends.

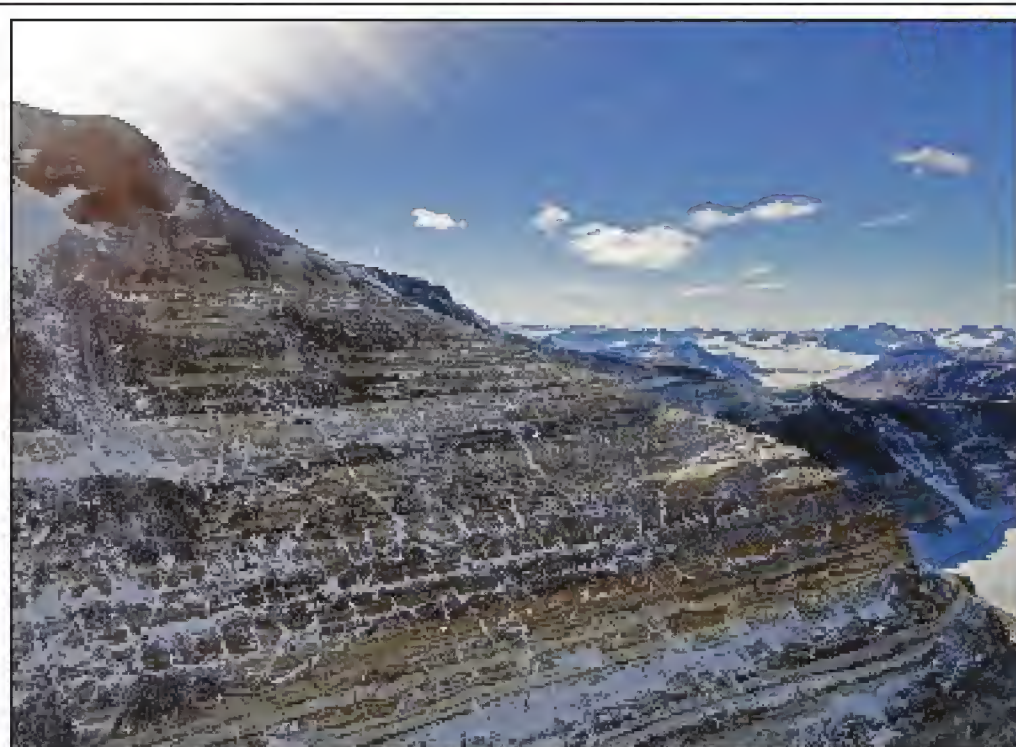
A study earlier this year showed Facebook is becoming a key source of news for users of the huge social network, even if people discover articles mostly by happenstance.

The study by the Pew Research Center, in collaboration with the Knight Foundation, found 64 percent of US adults use Facebook, and nearly half of those get some news from the service.

ANTARCTICA (AFP) - This NASA image released yesterday of the Transantarctic Mountains was taken from the NASA P-3 airborne laboratory on November 27, 2013, near the end of the 2013 IceBridge Antarctic campaign.

NASA's Operation IceBridge images Earth's polar ice to better understand processes that connect the polar regions with the global climate system.

IceBridge utilizes a highly specialized fleet of research aircraft and the most sophisticated suite of innovative science instruments ever assembled to characterize annual changes in thickness of sea ice, glaciers, and ice sheets. In addition, IceBridge collects critical data used to predict the response of earth's polar ice to climate change and resulting sea-level rise. IceBridge also helps bridge the gap in polar observations between NASA's ICESat satellite missions.



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## Dutch insurer Achmea announces 4,000 job cuts

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch insurance group Achmea is to cut 4,000 jobs in the Netherlands over three years because customers are switching increasingly to Internet to manage their contracts.

"Our eight million customers are doing more and more online and also want to be able to arrange their insurance in that way," said Willem van Duin, chairman of Achmea's executive board.

"These adjustments are being made in response to the continuously and rapidly changing demands of our customers."

Achmea, which had already shed 2,500 jobs in 2009, says it is the biggest insurer in the Netherlands and employs about 19,000 people.

Duin said: "The changes mark the start of a new episode in our group's history."

He said that the new focus

would enable the group to remain a cooperative insurer.

The group has interests in several European countries, including Bulgaria, Ireland and Greece, but the job cuts will fall only in the Netherlands, company spokesman Bert Rensen told AFP.

Achmea said that the money saved by means of the cuts would be invested in online services, in the use of social networks for example.

Achmea said: "Society is changing ever more rapidly, which puts current working methods under pressure."

The company, mainly active in the area of health insurance, was founded in 1811 by Dutch farmers and it now claims to provide insurance to half of all Dutch households.

It operates under several brands, including Interpolis, Agis, FBTO and Avero Achmea.

## US oil prices rise after surprise drop in supplies

NEW YORK (AFP) - US oil prices jumped Wednesday following a surprising drop in US crude inventories, even as concerns about an oversupply of Middle Eastern oil pushed down the European benchmark.

US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for January delivery rose \$1.16 to close at \$97.20 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

But European benchmark Brent oil for January delivery lost 74 cents at \$111.38 a barrel.

The increase in US oil prices came after the weekly Department of Energy report showed US crude-oil stocks fell 5.6 million barrels to 385.8 million barrels. A Dow Jones Newswires survey had projected no change.

The inventory report was a

"bit of a wakeup call" for oil market traders, said John Kilduff, founding partner at Again Capital.

The large drawdown in US oil stocks came on the heels of a 2.3 percent rise in US oil prices Tuesday after news that part of the Keystone pipeline will open for delivery in January. The Keystone news raised expectations that more oil would move from storage to Gulf Coast refineries.

US oil stocks rose more than 10 percent from mid-September through late November, a trend that ultimately pushed oil prices below \$100 a barrel from October 21.

Wednesday's decline in Brent oil prices came after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed, as widely expected, to keep its production ceiling unchanged at a Vienna meeting.

However, traders said pledges from Iran and Iraq to quickly boost output in 2014 portended a potential crude oversupply, especially if Libyan oil production returns at full force and US output increases at its expected rate.

The Brent market is more tied to international oil shipments than the WTI market.

OPEC "rolled over the quota, but it's clear they're going to have an issue on their hands next year," said Kilduff.

## EU slaps record fines on banks for latest abuses

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union imposed a record 1.7 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) in fines on six institutions on Wednesday for rigging key interest rates that affect vast sums of money around the world.

The sanction comes after several other massive penalties imposed on the world's biggest banks over the malpractices which have besmirched the reputation of the sector.

After boom years on Wall Street and in London, the financial crisis of 2008 has exposed various abuses by banks, including the reporting of false interest rates or the hiding of junk home loans in derivatives sold as high-quality assets.

On Wednesday, the European Union dredged out one more malpractice by the institutions, with German Deutsche Bank fined a total of 725 million euros for involvement in cartel rigging of both the European Euribor and Japanese Tiber rates.

French Societe Generale was fined 446 million euros for manipulating the European Euribor rate, while British bank RBS, already mired in controversy, was fined 391 million euros for involvement in cartels which rigged both rates.

The European Commis-

sion's anti-trust authorities had never previously imposed such big fines overall, Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia told a press conference.

"What is shocking is not only the manipulation of benchmark but (the) cartel," said Almunia, adding that the fine was meant to both "punish and dissuade".

The commission is now investigating the alleged rigging of the Swiss franc, and does not exclude "more investigations in the same area", said Almunia.

It is "not the end of the story", he warned.

In total, four financial institutions were involved in a cartel which rigged the Euribor rate and six in a cartel which manipulated the Tiber rate.

In the Euribor case, British bank Barclays benefited from immunity and will not pay a fine because it revealed the existence of the rigging to the Commission.

Deutsche Bank was however fined 466 million euros, and Societe Generale and RBS were fined 131 million euros in the Euribor case.

Investigations are continuing concerning French bank Credit Agricole, HSBC of Britain and US bank JPMorgan.

In the Tiber case, Swiss bank UBS avoided a fine be-

cause it admitted the cartel misdoing to the Commission.

Deutsche Bank was fined 259 million euros, RBS 260 million euros, JPMorgan 80 million euros, US bank Citigroup 70 million euros and British broker RP Martin 247,000 euros in that case.

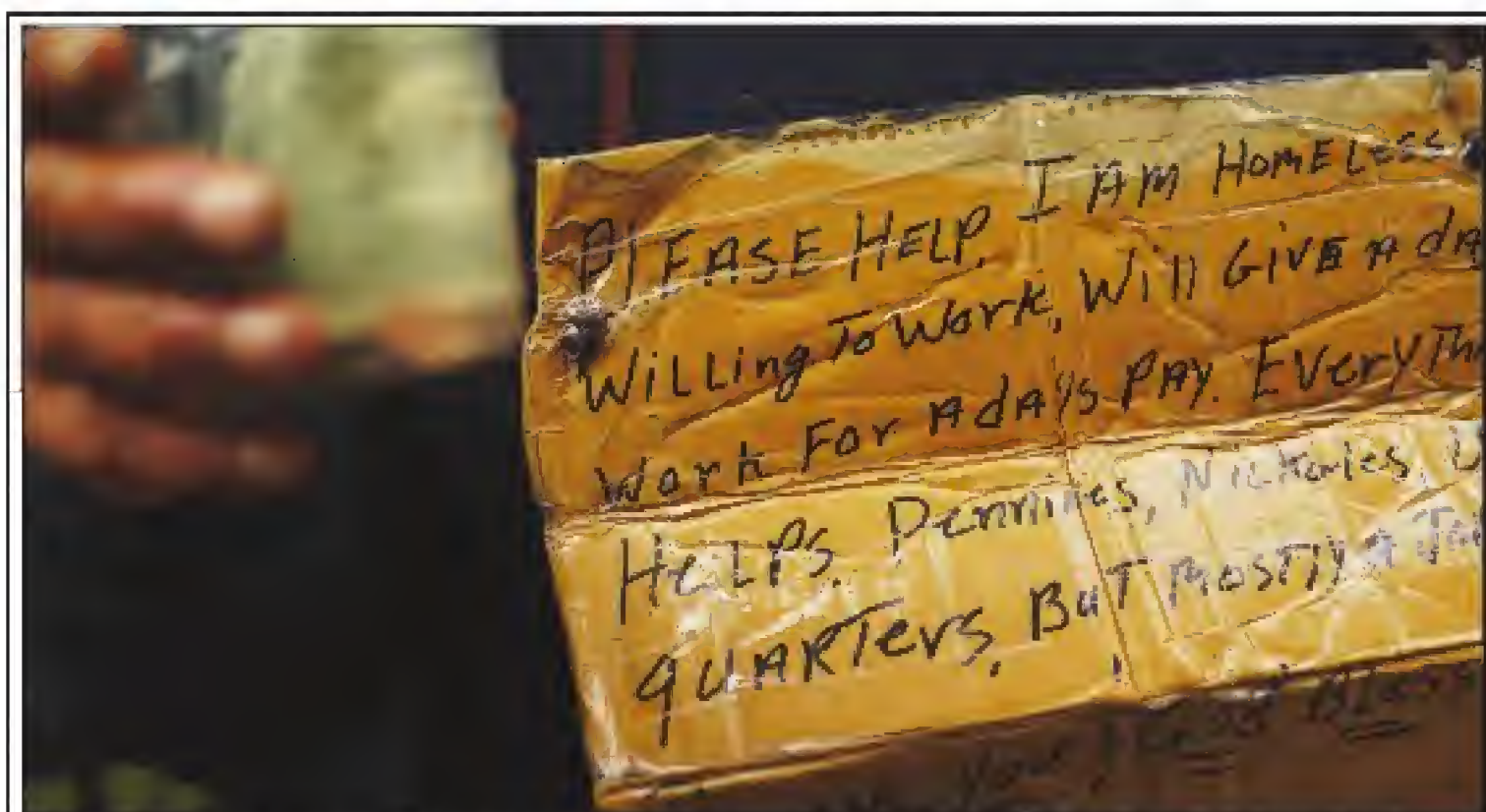
Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest lender, said it had already accounted for the penalty in its reserves.

According to Wednesday's Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper, the bank has a share of more than 15-percent in the currency market.

Societe Generale, which said the fine would not affect its full-year target, blamed the rigging on "one employee" who "acted without the knowledge of his hierarchy and the management of the bank".

The investigations and fines come after a separate scandal broke over the rigging of the London Libor rate, which is the benchmark rate that underpins the terms of \$500 trillion of contracts ranging from mortgages to student loans around the world.

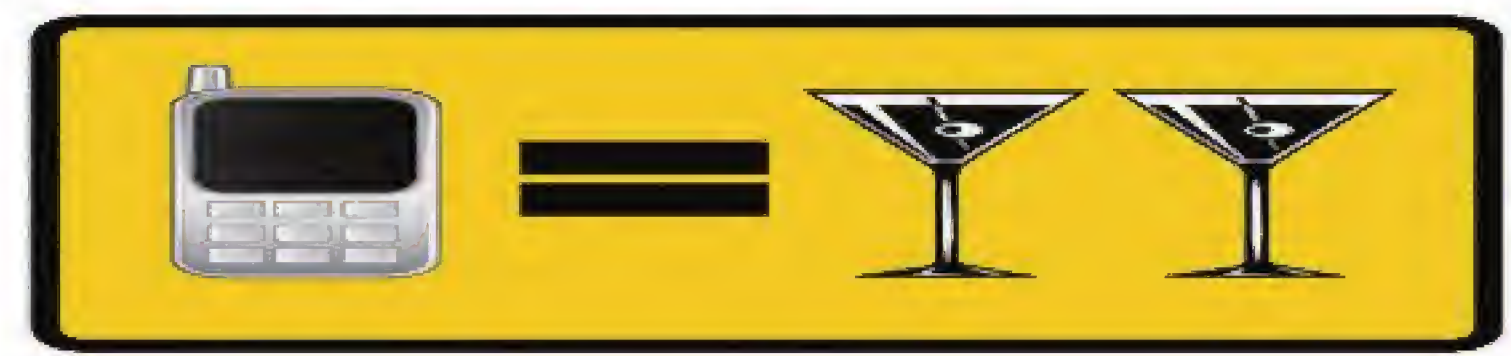
The Euribor, Tiber and Libor interest rates are calculated slightly differently but fulfil a vital function as a reference for the rates which banks are charging to lend each other.



NEW YORK - A person in economic difficulty holds a homemade sign asking for money along a Manhattan street on December 4, 2013 in New York City. According to a recent study by the by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York City's homeless population increased by 13 percent at the beginning of this year. Despite an improving local economy, as of last January an estimated 64,060 homeless people were in shelters and on the street in New York. Only Los Angeles had a larger percentage increase than New York for large cities.

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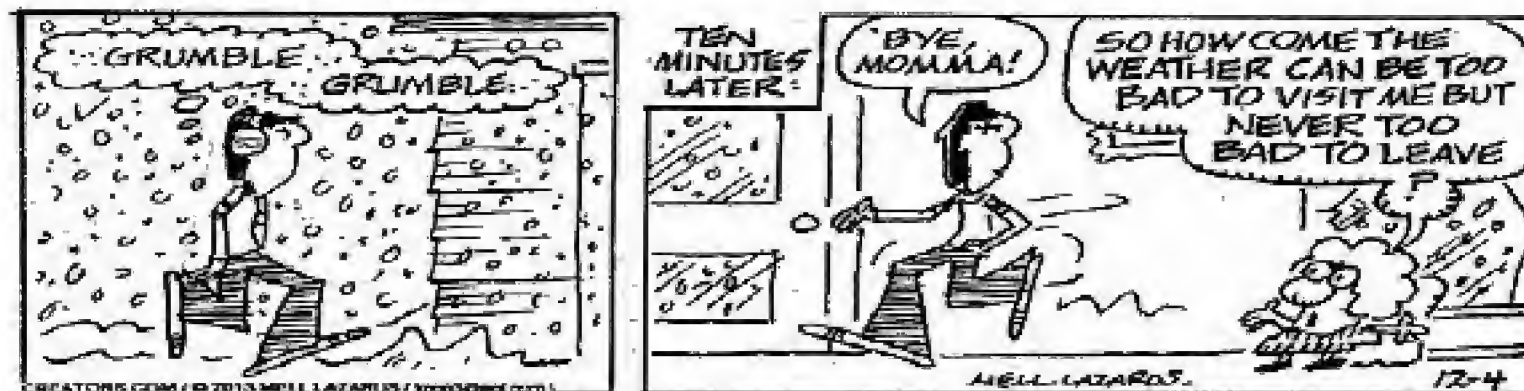


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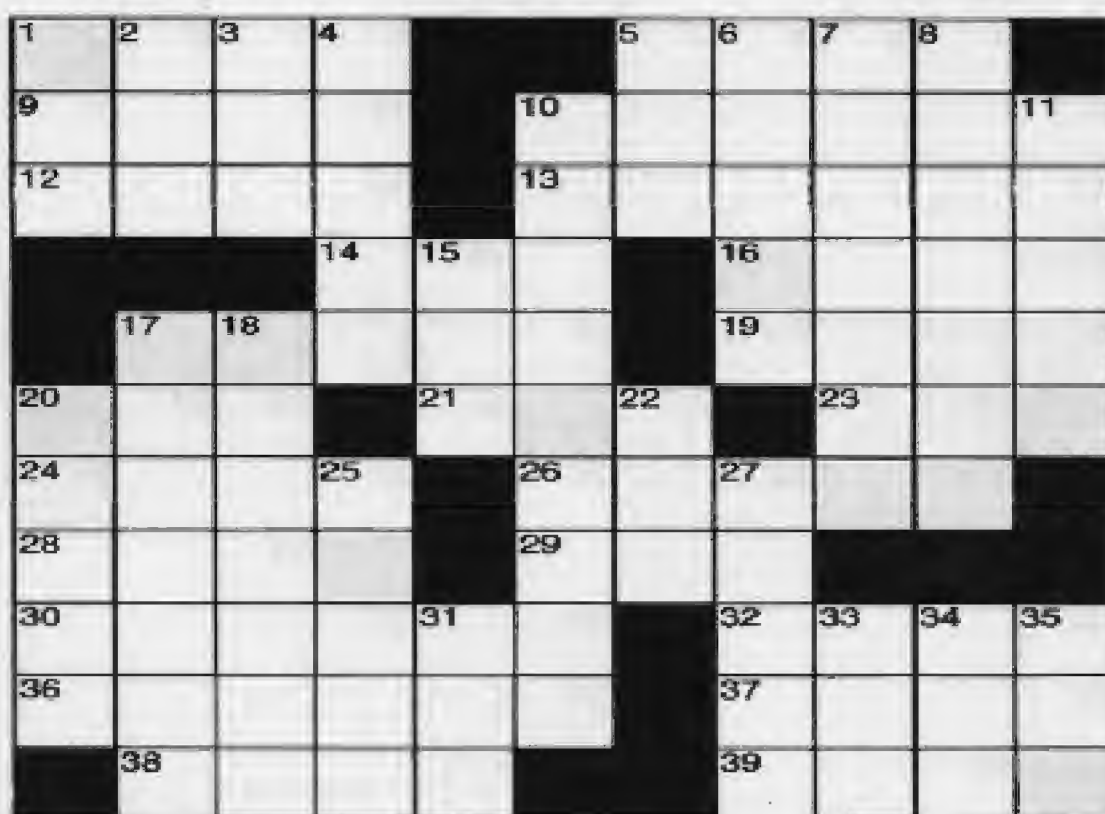
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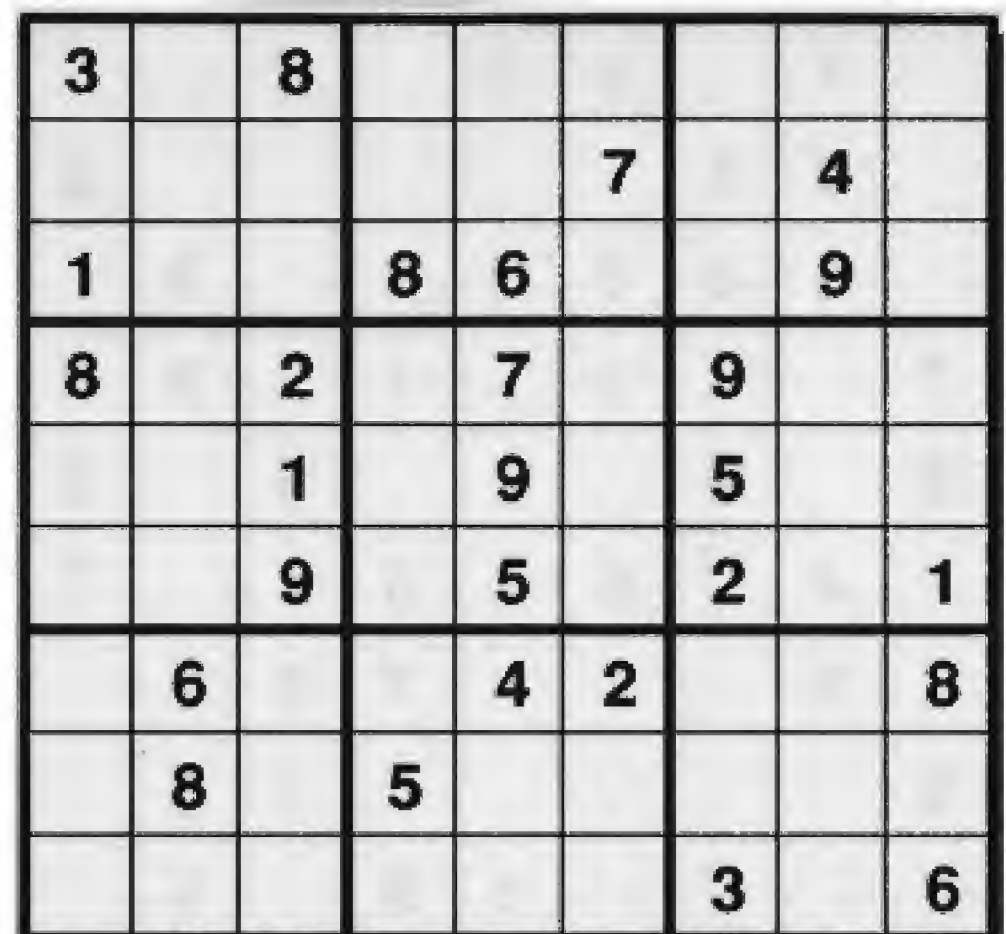
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## La Linda Department Store where Aruba shops!



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--Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very seriously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immigrant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was be-

fore WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store, four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing

for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, decorative items and more.

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods from all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

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## Boxing: Calzaghe, De La Hoya, Trinidad among new Hall of Famers



CANASTOTA (AFP) - Unbeaten Welsh star Joe Calzaghe, US icon Oscar "Golden Boy" De La Hoya and Puerto Rico's Felix Trinidad were among those named Wednesday as 2014 inductees into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremonies will be at the upstate New York facility on June 8.

Others to be inducted include promoter Barry Hearn, referee Richard Steele, photographer Neil Leifer, journalist Graham Houston and posthumous honorees Tom Allen, Mike O'Dowd, Charles Ledoux, George Chaney and referee Eugene Corni.

Calzaghe, 41, finished a 15-year pro career 46-0 with 32

knockouts and defended his super middleweight crown 21 times. In his final fights at light heavyweight, Calzaghe dispatched Bernard Hopkins and Roy Jones.

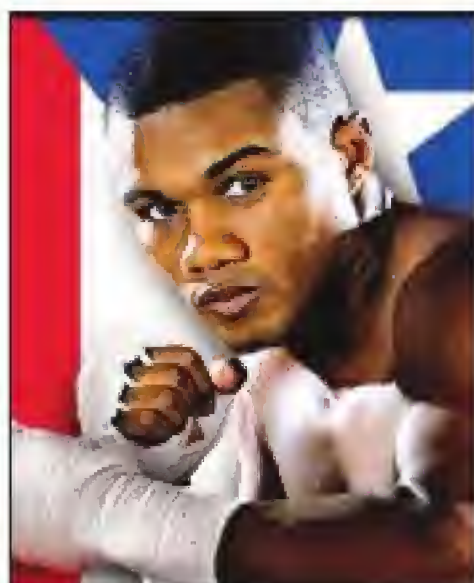
"I'm so excited," Calzaghe said. "I'm very proud and humbled. I think it's amazing to be inducted. This is a massive, massive honor, just fantastic. To be up there with all the legends is the ultimate honor for me."

De La Hoya, 41, finished 39-6 with 30 knockouts after claiming the 1992 Barcelona Olympic lightweight gold medal. He became a world champion in five weight classes from lightweight to middleweight.

After losing a split decision to Floyd Mayweather in 2007 and being stopped in the eighth round by Manny Pacquiao in 2008, de la Hoya retired to devote himself full time to Golden Boy Promotions, which he began in 2002 had quickly made into a major force in boxing.

"I'm honored and appreciative to be chosen," De la Hoya said. "This is the dream of everyone who puts on a pair of gloves and steps between the ropes."

"To know THAT I will be in



the Hall of fame with the greats of this sport is humbling but it has also put a smile on my face that isn't coming off any time soon."

Trinidad, 40, finished 42-3 with 35 knockouts, captured the International Boxing Federation welterweight title in his 20th pro fight and made 15 successful title defenses, 12 of them by knockouts. Among his victims were de la Hoya and Pernell Whitaker.

Trinidad took two world titles at light middleweight and in 2001 moved up to claim the World Boxing Association middleweight crown.

His only defeats came at the hands of Hopkins and in his final two fights, to Winky Wright and Jones.

## Bushiri Karting Speedway - Fast Rental Karts

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## BRIEFS:



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A woman poses with Brazuca --the official ball for the Brazil 2014 FIFA World Cup--during its launching in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



SUNDERLAND (AFP) - Chelsea's Belgian midfielder Eden Hazard (R) scores his second and his team's third goal during the English Premier League football match between Sunderland and Chelsea at The Stadium of Light in Sunderland, northeast England yesterday. Chelsea won 4-3.



AUGSBURG (AFP) - Augsburg's midfielder Daniel Baier (R) attacks Bayern Munich's Austrian midfielder David Alaba (L) during the 3rd round German Cup (DFB - Pokal) football match FC Augsburg vs Bayern Muenchen in Augsburg, on Wednesday. Bayern Munich won 2-0.





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## NBA: Heat's 10-game win streak snapped by Pistons

MIAMI (AFP) - With star guard Dwyane Wade sidelined by sore knees, the reigning NBA champion Miami Heat saw their 10-game win streak snapped Tuesday, falling to the Detroit Pistons 107-97.

Kyle Singler's 18 points led seven double-figure scorers for the Pistons while Greg Monroe and Rodney Stuckey each added 16 points and Brandon Jennings and Josh Smith both scored 15 points for Detroit.

The Heat had not lost since Boston won at Miami on November 9 on Jeff Green's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

LeBron James and Michael Beasley each scored 23 points to pace the Heat, who had won 14 of their previous 16 meetings with the Pistons.

Andre Drummond scored 10 points and grabbed 18 re-

bounds and the Pistons took full advantage of 11 steals, four from Jennings, to produce 29 points off 19 Heat turnovers.

The Heat trailed 82-68 entering the fourth quarter and fell behind by as many as 17 points before pulling within 91-88 on a James slam dunk.

But James and Chris Bosh each missed potential tying 3-

point shots and Miami went nearly four minutes without making a shot from the field, falling behind 98-91 and coming no closer the rest of the way.

Bosh added 14 points and Ray Allen 12 for Miami, which was kept to only 43.9 percent shooting from the field for the game.

## Baseball: Former All-Star Clark named to guide players union

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Tony Clark, an All-Star first baseman who played 15 seasons in Major League Baseball, was named Tuesday as the next executive director of the MLB players union.

Clark had been serving as acting executive director of the MLB Players Association since Michael Weiner died November 22 at age 51 after a 15-month battle with an

inoperable brain tumor.

On Tuesday, the union's executive board voted unanimously to appoint Clark into the role full time. The full membership must ratify the vote, a move that will happen as soon as is practical.

Players will not report to pre-season training camps until February.

Clark, 41, played for the Detroit Tigers, Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and San Diego Padres. He played in the 2001 All-Star Game and finished with 1,188 hits, 251 home runs and 824 runs batted in over 1,559 games.

Clark served on player negotiation committees in talks with owners in 2002 and 2006.

## Formula One: South Korea, Mexico and New Jersey ditched from F1 programme

PARIS (AFP) - Three Grands Prix have been removed from the provisional Formula One calendar for 2014 at the International Automobile Federation's AGM on Wednesday.

Races in South Korea, Mexico and New Jersey had been included in a bloated 22-race programme for next season but the FIA has decided to keep the current programme of 19 races.

With a new fixture on the calendar in Sochi for the Russian Grand Prix next year, the Korean race at Yeongam has had to make way.

An original 22-race provisional calendar had been announced on September 30 but that has now been reduced.

The only other change from the 2013 calendar sees the German GP move from the Nurburgring to Hockenheim.

### 2014 F1 calendar:

March 16: Australia (Melbourne)  
 March 30: Malaysia (Sepang)  
 April 6: Bahrain (Sakhir)  
 April 20: China (Shanghai)  
 May 11: Spain (Barcelona)  
 May 25: Monaco (Monte Carlo)  
 June 8: Canada (Montreal)  
 June 22: Austria (Red Bull Ring)  
 July 6: Great Britain (Silverstone)  
 July 20: Germany (Hockenheim)  
 July 27: Hungary (Budapest)  
 August 24: Belgium (Spa-Francorchamps)  
 September 7: Italy (Monza)  
 September 21: Singapore (Marina Bay)  
 October 5: Japan (Suzuka)  
 October 12: Russia (Sochi)

November 2: United States (Austin)

November 9: Brazil (Interlagos, Sao Paulo)

November 23: Abu Dhabi (Yas Marina)

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## NFL: Steelers coach Tomlin handed \$100,000 fine



NEW YORK (AFP) - Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin was fined \$100,000 by the NFL on Wednesday for interfering with a play in progress, and the team could lose 2014 NFL Draft picks as well.

The hefty fine was the result of a play from the Steelers' 22-20 loss at Baltimore last Thursday.

During a kick-off return by the Ravens in the third quarter, Baltimore's Jacoby Jones slowed as he was running down the sideline as a result of Tomlin being on the edge of the field with his back to the oncoming player.

Tomlin hopped out of the way before contact was made but, with his progress impeded ever so slightly by having to change his stride to avoid Tomlin, Jones was tackled from behind by Pittsburgh's Cortez Allen on a play that looked like it could have otherwise produced a touchdown.

No penalty was called on the play and the Ravens marched downfield for a field goal and ultimately won the game, but Tomlin admitted after the game he made a blunder and again took responsibility for his error on Wednesday.

The league said in imposing the fine that it will also consider taking draft choices from the Steelers or demoting them in the selection order once the final selection order for next year's NFL Draft has been decided.

Tomlin, who is one of three coaches on the NFL's nine-member competition committee, said he was watching the return on the giant screen in the stadium rather than watching the play.

Tomlin denied the move was deliberate.

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## Bodyboarders 2013 Wave Riders prepare for Dos Playa Showdown



ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Bodyboard Association (ABA) is preparing for the 2013 Dos Playa Showdown. This is to be the last competition for 2013. This competition promises to be unique in the

Bodyboard and Surf categories.

The Aruba Bodyboard Association is dedicating this final competition to fellow wave rider Devin Tromp (R.I.P.) who was a great fan of Dos

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waves!

The Lotto pa Deporte Foundation is pleased to provide support for the subsidy of this competition of the Dos Playa Showdown organized by the ABA. They continue to remain committed to supporting all federations working to optimally promote their sport as is case with the Aruba Bodyboard Association for the development of our local young people.